

LOW WATER USE GARDEN



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**



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The original idea for a Low Water Use Garden was developed during the 1970's drought. The County wanted to educate the public to use water conservation through creative, water-wise plant material while reducing the amount of water-wasting lawn areas. The Garden was installed on the lower East Terrace during the early 1980's.

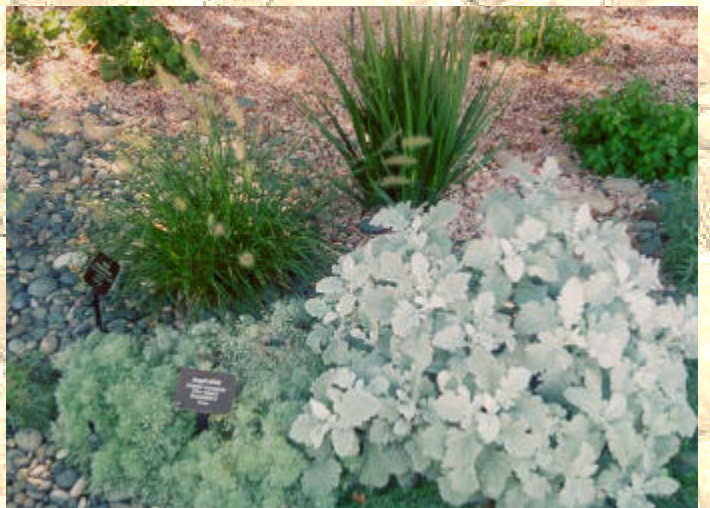
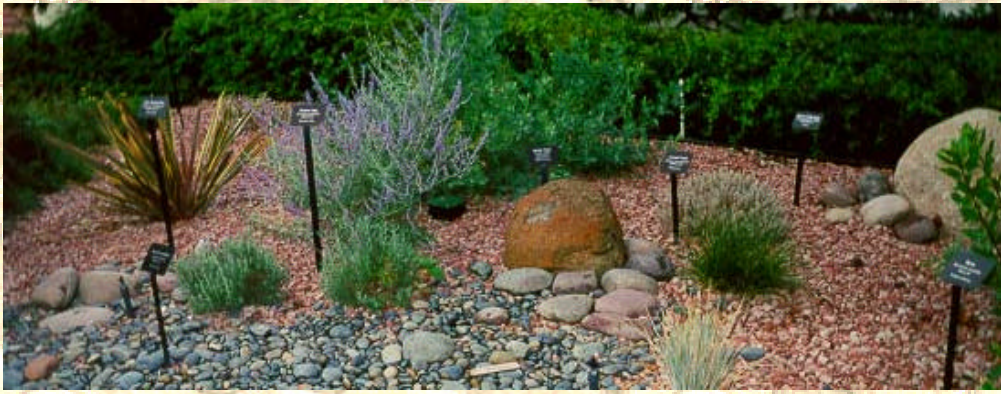
The project was a joint effort between the Chief Administrative Office of Special Projects, the Department of Parks & Recreation, and the Department of General Services.

Today's **Low Water Use Garden** was reestablished in September, 1998, it was designed and installed by the gardening staff of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' office, with final approval from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

The Garden has a combination irrigation system that has both drip and spray heads. A few of our plants require no water at all while others prefer regular watering. Some of the larger specimen plants from the original Garden were kept, such as the Flannel Bush, Catalina Ironwood, Guava, Toyon, and Hong Kong Orchid Tree. We then added bulbs, flowering shrubs, and ground covers. Differing from the original Garden, a rock mulch groundcover was added. This mulch provides optimum soil protection for the plant material as well as an aesthetic finish.

The gardening staff at the Clerk of the Board maintains the Gardens at the County Administration Center. We hope that you enjoy them.





**Below is a listing of plants
used in our Low Water Use
Garden**

Acanthus Mollis - Bear's Breech
Achillea Clavennae - Silvery Yarrow
Achillea Millefolium - Yarrow
Achillea Millefolium >Lilac Beauty=
Arbutis Unedo - Strawberry Tree
Arctostaphylos Edmundsii Ssp.
Parvifolium - No Common Name
Arctostaphylos >Emerald Carpet=-
Emerald Carpet Manzanita
Artemesia Pycnocephala - Beach Sagewort
Artemesia Schmidtiana >Silver Mound=- Angel's Hair

Bauhinia Blakeana - Hong Kong Orchid Tree
Bergenia Cordifolia - Heart Leaf Bergenia
Bougainvillea >Raspberry Ice=- Bouganvillea

Carissa Macrocarpa >Boxwood Beauty=- Natal Plum
Ceanothus Griseus Horizontalis >Yankee Point=- Wild Lilac
Ceratostigma Plumbagnoides - Dwarf Plumbago
Cuphea Hyssopifolia - False Heather
Cytisus Scoparius >Lilac Time=- Scotch Broom
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Dendromecon Rigida - Bush Poppy
Dryopteris Erythrosora - Wood Fern

Eriogonum Crocatum - Conejo Buckwheat

Feijoa Sellowiana - Pineapple Guava
Fremontodendron >California Glory=- Flannel Bush

Grevillea Rosemarinifolia - Rosemary Grevillea

Helictotrychon - Blue Oat Grass
Heteromeles Arbutifolia - Toyon

Heuchera »Santa Ana Cardinal« - Coral Bells

Iris Douglasiana - Douglas Iris

Lavandula Dentata - French Lavender

Leptospermum Laevigatum -
Australian Tea Tree

Leptospermum Scoparium »Ruby Glow«
- Ruby Glow

Lilium Humboldtii - Humboldt Lily

Lyonothamnus Floribundus - Catalina
Ironwood

Mahonia Aquifolium - Oregon Grape

Mixed Deciduous Bulbs - Ixia, Montbretia, Babiana Stricta, Tulipa
Kaufmaniana

Ochna Serrulata - Mickey Mouse Plant

Pennisetum Alopecuroides »Hamelin« - Dwarf Fountain Grass

Perovskia Artiplicifolia - Russian Sage

Phormium Colensoi Tricolor - New Zealand Flax

Phormium »Tom Thumb« Or »Jack Spat« -

Romneya Coulteri »White Cloud« - Matilija Poppy

Rosemarinus Officinalis »Prostratus« - Dwarf Rosemary

Salvia Argentea - Silver Sage

Salvia Sonomensis »Dara« S Choice« - Creeping Sage

Santolina Camaecyparus - Lavender Cotton

Senecio Cineraria - Dusty Miller

Sisyrinchium Bellum - Blue-Eyed Grass

Stachys Byzantina »Silver Carpet« - Lamb's Ears

Tulbaghia Violacea - Society Garlic

Verbascum Olympicum - Mullein

Watsonia Beatricis - Watsonia